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UARY INFORMAL, PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

REFERENCES DP/138; DP 139; DP/140; ITEM 17 - FINANCIAL
RESOURCES AND RELATED MATTERS, DP 171, 172 AND 173

1. SUMMARY. MAJOR CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE
21ST SESSION OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) WERE MADE
AT PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 7.
END SUMMARY.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM DP/140 ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION
OF WORK OF THE 21ST SESSION," ITEM 6 AND ITEM 9 WERE SCHEDULED
TO BE TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC) AND
THE BUDGET AND FINANCE (B&F) COMMITTEE RESPECTIVELY BEGINNING 12
JANUARY AND PLENARY WAS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ITS OPERATIONS
ON 15 JANUARY WITH ITEM 17 ENTITLED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND
RELATED PROGRAM MATTERS TO BE ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ORDER
OF BUSINESS.

3. LARGELY BECAUSE NUMEROUS DELEGATES (LEAD BY ARGENTINA, INDIA,
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BENIN AND CANADA) EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS 1) THAT THE THREE

ITEM 17 DOCUMENTS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL LANGUAGES UNTIL 12 JANUARY AND 2) INDICATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE B&F COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON TCDC MEETING CONCURRENTLY ON JANUARY 12-13 AND 14 BECAUSE IN MANY SMALL UNDP GC DELEGATIONS THE SAME PERSON HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH IMPORTANT ITEMS, THE FOLLOWING MAJOR CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE 21ST SESSION AS SHOWN IN DP/140:

A) THE COMMITTEE ON TCDC WILL HOLD ITS FIRST SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 15 INSTEAD OF ON JANUARY 12.

B) THE PLENARY WILL COMMENCE ITS SUBSTANTIVE WORK ON JANUARY 15 WITH ITEM 8 (ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF AFRICA AND ADJACENT AREAS) INSTEAD OF WITH ITEM 17. FOLLOWING ITS CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 8, THE PLENARY WILL TAKE UP ITEM 11 (UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION) AND ITEM 10 (UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES) BEFORE IT TURNS ITS ATTENTION TO ITEMS 17 AND 5 (PROGRAM RESOURCES AND INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES FOR 1977-81).

C) PORTIONS OF ITEM 4 PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT ON COST SHARING (DP/157) WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY THE B&F COMMITTEE BEFORE THEY WERE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY.

D) DISCUSSION OF ITEMS 17 AND 5 WOULD NOT COMMENCE IN PLENARY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS PLENARY HAD RECEIVED AND STUDIED THE REPORTS OF THE B&F COMMITTEE ON THOSE ITEMS.

4. A NUMBER OF OTHER POINTS FROM THE MEETING ARE ALSO NOTEWORTHY, NAMELY:

A) THE CUBAN DELEGATE DID NOT SPEAK NOR WAS THE CUBAN PRESIDENCY OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR 1976 MENTIONED BY EITHER THE SECRETARIAT OR ANY OF THE DELEGATIONS THAT TOOK THE FLOOR.

B) THE G-77 IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE A MEETING ON UNDP (AND PERHAPS OTHER) MATTERS THIS AFTERNOON AT WHICH:
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1) THE AFRICAN SUB-GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO SELECT THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR 1976.
FYI: THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED TO CHAIR THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TCDC.

2) THE ASIAN SUB-GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO SELECT THE RAPporteur FOR THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR 1976.

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